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Note verbale dated 10 May 2007 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba, on behalf of the Group of States Parties to the NPT that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the International Organizations in Vienna, on behalf of the Group of States Parties to the NPT that are members of the Non-Aligned Movement, presents its compliments to the secretariat of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the statement of the Israeli Prime Minister regarding Israel's possession of nuclear weapons (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cuba to the International Organizations in Vienna kindly requests that the statement be circulated as a document of the first session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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Statement of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on the recent statement of the Israeli Prime Minister regarding Israel's possession of nuclear weapons

The Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) in New York considered at its meeting on 16 January 2007, the statement made by the Prime Minister of Israel on 11 December 2006, in which he publicly admitted the possession of nuclear weapons by Israel.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau, gravely concerned by the said statement, reaffirmed the principled positions of the Movement on nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation reflected in various NAM documents including the Final Document of the Sixteenth Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Havana, Cuba from 11 to 16 September 2006.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau reiterated its support for the establishment in the Middle East of a zone free of all weapons of mass destruction. To this end, the Bureau reaffirmed the need for the speedy establishment of a nuclear-weapons-free zone in the Middle East in accordance with Security Council resolution 487 (1981) and paragraph 14 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) and the relevant General Assembly resolutions adopted by consensus, and stressed that necessary steps should be taken in different international forums for the establishment of this zone.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau expressed its great concern over the acquisition of nuclear capability by Israel, which poses a serious and continuing threat to the security of neighbouring and other States, and condemned Israel on its action and the said statement in this regard, and for continuing to develop and stockpile nuclear arsenals.

The NAM Coordinating Bureau demanded on Israel, the only one in the region that has not joined the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) nor declared its intention to do so, to renounce possession of nuclear weapons, to accede to the NPT without delay, to place promptly all its nuclear facilities under International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) full-scope safeguards according to Security Council resolution 487 (1981), and to conduct its nuclear-related activities in conformity with the non-proliferation regime.

New York, 5 February 2007